

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Dan Keating
Lili Lanphear
Renee Stetzer
Justin Leitgeb
Recording Secretary: Dorothea M. Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Village Treasurer presented vouchers listed in Abstract #07 of the 2022 / 2023 fiscal year for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Keating, seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve payment of the vouchers listed in Abstract #07 in the amounts stated below and to charge them to the appropriate accounts.

Vouchers for approval – Abstract #07

- General Fund (#198-220) \$70,372.79
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Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

JUNE – AUGUST FINANCIALS

The Clerk presented to the Board the Financials for June thru August 2022. She informed the Board that it was early in the budget and that she did not see any issues.

Motion by Trustee Stetzer, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve the books through August 31, 2022.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT

Employee Health Care

The Clerk informed the Board that the employee health care and the current plans we are offering came within the budgeted amount. The current projects increased by 8.5 percent and a deductible increase.

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the health care plans as presented.

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Security – Candlelight Night

The Clerk reviewed with the Board the security quote for Candlelight Night that the Village has provided historically and requested approval. The Board discussed the necessary security needs for the event, given the growth in turnout.

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to approve the health care plans as presented.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

Village Hall Roof

The Building Inspector informed the Board that he had contacted Jennifer Ahrens with Bero Architecture regarding the roof. She reviewed the proposals he received and recommended that the Village go with the recommendation from Elmer Davis based on the materials and the warranty they've provided. They offer a 20-year warranty, and the other proposals offer a 10-year. The company has been in business for 36 years and has a reputable reputation. The roof will not need to go to the Historic Preservation Board since it is not visible at all, and they will not be touching any of the copper roofs. The vendor will also be able to complete the roof before winter. The Clerk was questioned about the fund in the budget for the project. She informed the Board that they would need to take the money from contingency at this time.

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to approve the proposal from Elmer Davis, which includes a twenty-year warranty and the transfer of \$6,773 from contingency to cover the project.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

SCOTT HARTER – SURVEY UPDATE

The Village Engineer updated the Board on the completed survey regarding the DPW and the Arboretum. He has established the survey boundaries, which can be conveyed to a consultant for use in the schematic or conceptual design for the property. He also informed the Board that it was noticed that the DPW parcel encroaches on some of the canal lands that were thought to be owned by the Village. The survey has identified the property's total acreage as 11.2 acres. The following steps for the property would be using a Landscape Designer Engineering firm to assess the needs of the DPW and the boundaries of both uses. A discussion was held on putting out an RFP for the consultant and the steps involved for the property.

MARGOT FASS – AILANTHUS TREES, FROG HOUSE GIFTS

Margo Fass, founder, and CEO of the Frog House, informed the Board that the mission is for advocacy, collaboration, and education. But mainly an environmental program for sustainability, and she appreciates that the Board is looking into an overall architectural design plan for the Arboretum. She stated that some things that are very important for sustainability can be done right now, including removing the ailanthus trees. She also requested consideration for the gift from the Frog House of the sustainable garden.

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JUNE REEVES / SUE JULIEN – FRIENDS OF THE ARBORETUM

Ms. Reeves and Sue Julien – representing the Friends of the Arboretum, reviewed with the Village Board that they have members who are Landscape Architects, Engineers, wood craftsmen, arborists, and master Gardeners. They reviewed the activities that have taken place at the Arboretum. They have had several weeding parties, cleared trails, and labeled almost 200 trees. They have posted temporary arboretum signs; unfortunately, some have gone missing. Ms. Reeves requested that the Village authorize the ARPA funds for the use in the Arboretum for the master plan and the removal of the ailanthus trees and Japanese knotweed. Ms. Julien also informed the Board that removing the ailanthus trees is essential, especially given that the spotted lantern fly is moving closer to the area. The group stated that they are looking at an estimated \$38,000 for the work that needs to be completed, and they would like to receive an updated map of the Arboretum.

Michael Reynolds, 35 Church Street – He wanted to recommend approval of the items proposed by June Reeves and Sue Julien. They would only be taking a fraction of the ARPA funds and would benefit the Village now and in the future.

Sandra Deagman, 4235 County Road 16 - Wrote that she supports the request for ARPA Funds by June Reeves and Sue Julien for the Pittsford Arboretum. This summer, our Canandaigua Rovers Hiking Group enjoyed touring and walking the Arboretum. The Village is exceptionally fortunate to have such an inviting green space preserved within its borders. Everything possible should be done to maintain and enhance this space now and in the future. ARPA funds are the ideal source to ensure this happens. Friends of the Arboretum, knowledgeable and concerned individuals, have studied the issue to ensure that the most urgent needs will be addressed with his funding. Pittsford residents can stand tall knowing they approved funding to support our environment.

The Building Inspector requested that the group reach out to his office regarding projects to give consideration to project sizes that don't reach thresholds that require other approvals.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Trustee Keating requested that the Board move ahead with directing the Village Attorney to draft the necessary legislation.

Trustee Leitgeb commented that he expressed concern several concerns about the proposed changes, that he believes the town does not have virtual meetings where all the members are able to attend remotely, and he does not think that another Board, such as the Board of Education, is allowing it either. He believes our constituents come here and expect to see the Board in person. We have a unique opportunity to do that, and he supports having in-person meetings. He also commented that we received comments from the public at the last meeting expressing concern about going to virtual meetings. He thought the best option was to table this topic and revisit it.

The Village Attorney commented that we could do a virtual divided for clarification purposes as long as the public can be in three places, and it is noticed where those three locations will be. Trustee Stetzer questioned if the Board can change the piece on having a quorum at the Village Hall if we were allowed to change that language. The Village Attorney commented that a quorum available to the public

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anywhere. Mayor Plummer commented that a number of other Villages are adopting the and have invested in the technology we are looking into to upgrade our video facilities in this room. She commented that the law had been circulated statewide for the municipalities to review because it is a little bit of a different world, with the flu season and COVID still being a factor. This would allow a Board member who tests positive or has a sick family member who doesn't want to be in public. Nonetheless, they want to have the ability to move the business of their municipality forward and be able to be present on a video or smart screen. Mayor Plummer also commented that Trustee Stetzer raised a good point that the parameters are pretty straightforward and that it has to be extraordinary circumstances. It provides the Village with a better chance of conducting business. She indicated that the local law enables us to keep moving forward and conducting the business of the Village.

Trustee Lanphear commented that she is in agreement with Trustee Leitgeb. She would prefer to table this. She commented that in the 28 years of working with the Village that during, that time shall always be held as her main principal accessibility and transparency with eh constituents, and that lends itself to public face-to-face in-person meetings and does not include being at home unless we experienced during the pandemic, which she found very challenging. She did not feel we were at our best during that time. Trustee Lanphear also commented that we continue discussing open meetings law and what it means to our government. She thought the key to the Village was our accessibility to the public. Elected officials and public servants should be accessible, and that does not include sitting in our house.

Lisa Cove, 44 South Main Street – Commented that she had summited an email concerning this and asked that the elected officials show up for the residents 100%. She indicated that face-to-face not only benefit the residents but also benefit the Board. She wants to see comradery, expression, and personal connection between the Board Members.

June Reeves expressed her opposition to allowing members of the Board of Trustees to attend meetings via Zoom unless under extraordinary circumstances. We need to see our elected representatives face-to-face during board meetings if possible.

Peggy Caraberis, 81 South Street - Questioned the Village attorney regarding the expiration date on the proposed local law from the State of July 2024. The Village Attorney indicated that it would be up for reconsideration at that time.

Amber, Zoom Q / A – Commented I personally, as a member of this community, understand that there are other things outside of a committed job. To put others at risk over a job is a bit far-fetched, no matter the level of commitment involved. Attendance of meetings over a virtual platform, whether a citizen or an official, should be absolutely okay.

Christina Mule 5 Stonegate Lane, If Jeff is paid hourly and it does not seem like the board is going to be voting in favor of this, I cannot see how it makes sense to spend taxpayer dollars on this "activity." If a board member cannot fulfill the duties they were elected for, they have the choice to step down.

Trustee Leitgeb commented that this is an investment in something the public is not interested in. Furthermore, he has much respect for the Village Attorney's work and does not believe that he should be looking at the notion of extenuating circumstances for which somebody is allowed to stay home. This is a matter for the Board to decide upon.

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Trustee Stetzer commented that at the last meeting, there were some questions about tightening up the language a bit because she hears that one of the concerns is the opportunity or the intent that someone would solely take meetings from home or from where they are remote. The purpose is that if any emergency happens, someone can participate remotely. Some of the language is a little loose regarding the location of the quorum and the desire for it to be at Village Hall. We need clarity on those details. But it sounds like the main question is if we want to give our Board the opportunity, if they were sick or caring for somebody in an emergency, to be able to still participate in the meeting. It sounds like the public would prefer that the member not participate in the meeting.

Mayor Plummer explained that the ability for the Board to participate during COVID was by order of the Governor that has been rescinded. The response from municipalities across the state to Albany was that times have changed; we would like to have the option of something like this or an opportunity if there is illness or giving care to a family member. So as an elected official, you could still participate and create a quorum.

Motion by Trustee Keating, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to direct the Village Attorney to draft a local law related to open meetings.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – no, Lanphear – no, Keating – yes, Leitgeb – no. *Motion failed.*

RECESS

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, recess for 5 minutes

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion failed.*

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion failed.*

TOWN SUPERVISOR – BILL SMITH

Supervisor Smith made a presentation regarding the Pavilion that the Town plans to erect at the Spiegel Center. The Pavilion would be architecturally identical to the Pavilion in place at the Canalside Park, where the Friday night concerts are held but will be a little bit bigger. The Supervisor reviewed the location and layout with the Board. He welcomed input and comments. He informed the Board that the grant for the project requires the completion of the construction by December 31, 2022, or they will lose the grant funding. He explained to the Board that the thought of the Pavilion was derived during COVID to allow for outdoor seating. A discussion was held on the jurisdiction and zoning of the property and the public access to information about the project from the Town and the Village.

Art Pires, 70 State Street – Commented about if there was sufficient time to present to the project's neighbors and received modifications.

Resident, unable to hear – Questioned if the entire project needed to be completed by December. The Supervisor commented that it has to be completed, or the grant funds will be lost. The resident also questioned the curving of the sidewalk. The Supervisor commented that this would allow access from the car park directly.

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Christina Mule, 5 Stonegate Lane - Expressed concern that even with temporary structures, the activities in this back part of the rec center can be extremely loud with no consideration for those of us whose homes border the property. Creating a permanent structure like this invites more activity (concerts, Zumba, etc.). On the flip side, I favor bringing the sidewalk through the park because it increases the walkability in the village.

Peggy Caraberis – Is concerned that surrounding residences will be adversely affected by this permanent structure that allows persons to gather. Do the residents know about this" When did they receive the grant money?

Comments were received earlier in the meeting for the following meeting topic.

Michael Kashtan, 8 Stonegate Lane – I am concerned about the application of zoning code because in reviewing the materials for a structure that's being built at the Town facility, there's no discussion that it may not be subject to the zoning code or that the zoning code may not be applied. I believe that for the Village not to apply the zoning codes to anything constructed in the Village should follow the zoning code. We have a complex Village. We are all small we all love it but not applying the zoning code to anything constructed is a big mistake.

The Supervisor also presented concept drawings for Copper Beach Park that involve the grassy area. The concepts would allow for a food truck, benches, and more plantings. The site would be revitalized. Supervisor Smith commented that although this will not go through the formal approval process, they still want to know what the Village thinks. He feels it is essential to incorporate the Village's thoughts and concerns into the plan. There currently is no fixed time frame for the projects to start.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL PERMIT, 19 STATE STREET

Gina Audin requested a special permit for 19 State Street to operate a Hair Salon, the property in the past was used for the same use. Trustee Lanphear questioned the applicant about parking, hours, and trash collection. The applicant indicated they have their own parking, and the hours of operation would be 8 am to 8 pm Tuesday thru Saturday. They also stated that they would use a dumpster in the back and a tote that would be picked up weekly. The applicant was questioned about the number of chairs that would be operating. She indicated they have three, but there is room for up to 6 chairs.

Motion by Trustee Stetzer and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb to open the public hearing.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

No public comment was received.

Motion by Trustee Stetzer and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb to close the public hearing.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Trustee Lanphear and seconded by Trustee Stetzer to approve the special permit requested by Gina Audin for 19 State Street in the Village of Pittsford for a hair salon and boutique in that location.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

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SHORT-TERM RENTAL LEGISLATION

Mayor Plummer stated at the last workshop that Board members were going to research different legislation samples. The legislation was made available online and in our packets. Since the Village does not have this legislation, it will be a process that takes time, and we will need to research and obtain public input as we go along.

M.V. wanted to speak from a different perspective. She talked about the impact of short-term rentals on the quality of Village voters. She indicated that there are approximately 700 residential village units, 189 of the Village units are long-term rentals, and adding 75 Monroe Avenue t will add 160 more long-term rentals bringing the toll to 349 long-term rentals, which is basically 41% of the Village will be long-term rentals. She reviewed the last election results. Converting long-term rentals and private homes to short-term rentals will decrease the number of people that might care about the Village's long-term goals. This loss of votes may have a significant impact on neighbors, and a sense of community will also be lost. With short-term rentals, we will not see any Community involvement but empty houses.

John Limbeck, 62 State Street – He spoke to the Board a few weeks ago, and what he is afraid of is that I don't want to see the Village rush into a public hearing and an eventual local law prematurely. As a Village, I think we don't understand all of the pros and cons associated with short-term rentals. He indicated that regulatory agencies and authorities across the state debate and define short-term rentals in the same context we are in as a village. Currently, the Village recognizes residencies such as beds and breakfasts, boutique hotels, and inns. To dismiss short-term rentals by stating there is no difference between the two is reckless. He suggested that a better course of action would be to engage a citizen advisory Board or committee to review all the pros and cons thoroughly. There are some benefits to them, but you need to look at everything together and make sure there is a linkage to the comprehensive plan.

Art Pires, 70 State Street – Thanked the first speaker for a very interesting, unique, and poignant perspective presented by a Village resident that I have heard before today. Another matter of concern regarding short-term rentals is whether or not a high quality of residential life and a village-wide sense of community can exist with the introduction of underregulated, non-owner-occupied short-term residential rentals. He thought all would agree that the significant number of owner-occupied residential properties enhances the quality of life for village residents and build a community. He commented that with every conversion of Village owner-occupied residential property to the non-village resident owner, the quality of life overall in the community is diminished. He also stated that short-term rentals like Airbnb, Vrbos, etc., have similar characteristics to B&Bs and boutique hotels. All three are regulated under the Village of Pittsford zoning code and are commercial businesses by both definition and code. He further indicated that the decision on the zoning should be determined by the Village residents either by referendum or village committee comprising Village residents.

Lawrence Hickey, 59 State Street – He wanted to echo the comments that were previously made this evening. You can see from the Village citizen's standpoints that many issues surround this topic. He would urge the Village to take its time and thoroughly study the issue. He thought it was essential that the Village coordinates its efforts with the Town so that we are in sync with any local laws related to the matter.

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Sue Julien, 56 Monroe Avenue – She agreed with all of what has been said. She currently is a landlord for property not in the Village of Pittsford for forty years. Where she now lives, there are two rental properties. On the one property across the street, we get very good neighbors, but they are not owners and don't put out decorations or flowers. Many renters treat the property like it is their own home and treat it with respect, but many more don't. I personally would prefer not to have short-term rentals; She currently believes that there are too many long-term rentals as it is.

Mary Ellen Galusha, 24 Boughton Avenue – As stewards of our historical community, I respectfully request that you further research and explore the issue of short-term rentals in our beloved Village prior to any determination. Short-term rentals can and will have long-term effects on the quality of life for all residents in Pittsford Village. It would seem that such a major decision should involve a discussion with the Village property owners.

Fran & Herb Kramer, 17 Golf Avenue – When any new proposal is offered, or any change to existing code and rules is offered, we ask how it will enhance or help our Village. For the short-term rentals proposal- who benefits other than the building owners? We already see renters not taking as much care of the properties they inhabit as homeowners do, in general. To have people from all over the US and beyond come to our village for a week or a month, or a few days does not in any way benefit the residents and taxpayers of the Village. Traffic and parking remain a huge issue, as does litter. On the topic of Board meetings by video, we disapprove of that as well. For forty years, face-to-face discussions have been essential for residents to meet their representatives and vice versa. Where is any benefit for meetings not being held in person?

Dave Marshall, 67 South Main Street - Commented that there had been many comments from the public tonight concerned about the Village's residential character. In the same vein, I recognize the value that short-term rentals can offer for residents and visitors to our Village. I think what I hear tonight and what he heard tonight from the Board is that the public is going to have an opportunity to offer additional comment before a code is adopted and voted on that would be material and substantive in nature such that we don't have to try to determine the actual merits of the code that we might adopt.

Mayor Plummer commented that, yes, the Board is doing research discussion; this is the opportunity for us to investigate this item, we do not have a code for this, so it is an opportunity to study how we want to handle this as a Village.

Mr. Marshall further questioned if the Board would be willing to put together a committee of residents to work on some of the specific elements of the code that would be appropriate to allow short-term rentals to operate.

Mayor Plummer commented that she would like to do a little more research, but she did not see a problem with that.

The Board discussed putting together a committee to review short-term rentals. The Board would be emailing the Village Attorney on the job scope of the Committee.

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Peggy Caraberis, 81 South Main Street - From what she had heard tonight (and with which she agrees), should the board revisit the request for a moratorium to allow thoughtful deliberative crafting of possible legislation?

BID APPROVAL FOR VILLAGE HALL BACK ENTRANCE

The Clerk reviewed the Bid documents for the Village Hall back entrance. She informed the Board that the project's design had a slight change. We will be moving the sidewalk closer to the building. Jennifer Ahrens, with Bero Architecture, after reviewing the roof project for the Hall, noticed that there was a slope, which was a little steeper in the area where the sidewalk was going to be installed. She suggested moving the sidewalk up a little bit. The Clerk will present the plan change to the Historic Preservation Board next week. She requested that the Board approve the BID documents pending the approval of the Historic Preservation Board.

Motion by Trustee Lanphear and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb to approve the BID documentation for the Village Hall Back Entrance with changes as submitted.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

TREE LEGISLATION

Mayor Plummer reviewed the information for Tree City USA and the local law enacted by the Town of Pittsford related to Trees. Being a member of the program makes the Village eligible for grant funding. A discussion was had on the tree department, and it was explained that, essentially, the department would run through the DPW working with a certified Arborist. Mayor Plummer requested the Board direct Jeff to correct the legislation so that we can move forward.

Trustee Lanphear questioned if there would be anything that should be set up differently since we have the street trees and may retrofit in some way, and some language that should be added on to reflect what we have here in the Village, or do you think that this very general language that exists in the town code is sufficient. Mayor Plummer commented that it is based on a model code. The Village Attorney commented that he envisioned the legislation as a grant generator. He also commented that the Board should consider a more extensive ordinance protecting our trees and consider a law protecting trees on private properties that you could define as heritage trees of a specific caliper. That way, you be protecting the whole canopy of the Village and not just the parties that lie within our property.

The Board further discussed protecting the tree canopy and the need in the future to put further legislation in place.

Robert Corby, 7 Washington Avenue – commented that he would be happy to assist in some language for a tree ordinance since you really need to address specific issues regarding street trees. He understands how important they are for traffic calming. A study conducted in Buffalo, New York, demonstrated that adding a street tree canopy where the tree branches over the street significantly reduced traffic speeds by up to 7 miles per hour. If you draft an ordinance to get grants, you will create confusion and a dead part of the code. He thought it would be better to do something more thorough. Creating a tree policy in the Village both from the historic preservation standpoint, understanding that using native trees and some of

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the new cultivators and zelkova trees to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary, the tree canopy that we have throughout the Village. He was willing to help, given his tree knowledge.

Mayor Plummer commented that just as we have adopted other legislation specifically to become a climate-smart community, this is again a specific piece of legislation to join the Tree USA Program and in no way alleviates any other legislation that we have just been speaking about, which we all think is very important. She also informed the Board that we have been planting trees in some of the vacant areas.

Motion by Trustee Stetzer and seconded by Mayor Plummer to direct the attorney to draft the street tree legislation.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

VILLAGE OF BLOOM

Mayor Plummer reviewed with the Board the Village in Bloom project, a continuation of the program we initiated with the Seneca Zoo Society when they planted the pollinator garden in the back of the Village Hall. The next project is to plan about a thousand early pollinators. The Scoot Troops have reached out to the mayor and want to assist in the planting of the pollinator bulbs. Hopefully, most of them will bloom in time for the PGA opening. The bulbs would be planted in several of the medians and by the bridges. They will help with setting up the pollinator corridor.

Robert Corby, 7 Washington Avenue - Expressed concern over the existing gardens that needed weeding. He also expressed concerns over signs that had been removed during construction being replaced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb, to go into executive session pursuant to section 105.1.f public officers' law for an employment matter and possibly property acquisition.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb - yes. *Motion passed.*

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, leave executive session.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb - yes. *Motion passed.*

HIRING OF DPW EMPLOYEE

Motion by Trustee Leitgeb, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to offer Peter Bessey full-time employment at the current hourly rate.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb - yes. *Motion passed.*

RFP – SOUTH AND WOOD STREET

A discussion was had on the proposed RFP for engineering on the South and Wood Street Road projects. The original anticipated engineering cost for the project was \$25,000. Currently, we are expecting the cost to be much higher. A discussion was had on the impact of inflation on the project and the funds available for the engineering. The Village currently has a grant of \$100,000 for the sidewalk portion of the project.

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Motion by Trustee Stetzer and seconded by Trustee Leitgeb to put out the RFP for the South & Wood Street Project.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Stetzer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion passed.*

THE BOARD EXITED INTO AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

The Board returned to regular session at 10:55 PM.

SPIEGEL PAVILION

Trustee Leitgeb stated the following information in relation to the presentation that the Village had received earlier from Supervisor Smith and Staff members. The presentation was on two items; the first was on the project that will be completed behind the recreation center and in the pocket park. In contrast to what the Board heard earlier, our municipality would be able to subject the Town to the jurisdiction of our Historic Preservation Board and the Village Planning Board. The Village Attorney commented that the Village has jurisdiction and that you make that decision to go through the nine balancing factors in the Monroe County airport case. Trustee Leitgeb requested the Board go through the nine factors for a brief discussion on each to conclude whether or not we would like to subject the Town to our zoning, specifically regarding the pavilion at the Spiegel Center. The Board reviewed the nine factors.

Motion by Trustee Leitgeb and seconded by Trustee Lanphear based on the discussion that will subject the Town of Pittsford to the relevant Village Laws.

Vote: Plummer – no, Stetzer – no, Lanphear – no, Leitgeb – yes. *Motion failed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Plummer, and seconded by Trustee Stetzer, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Plummer - yes; Lanphear - yes; Stetzer – yes; Leitgeb - yes. *Motion passed.*

Dorothea M. Ciccarelli, Recording Secretary

Question Report

Topic Webinar ID Actual Start Time

Village of
Pittsford Regular
Board Meeting 840 9256 0050

Question Details

#	Question	Asker Name	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Name
1	Jeff. The State changes say the the new law expires in July of 2024. What does that mean?	MEC	10/27/2022 19:42	10/27/2022 19:50	Dorothea Ciccarelli
2	I personally as a member of this commmunity understand that there are other things outside of a committed job, to put others at risk over a job is a bit far fetched no matter the level of commitment involved.	Amber	10/27/2022 19:45	10/27/2022 19:50	Dorothea Ciccarelli
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5	5 Stonegate Lane	Christina Mulé	10/27/2022 19:50	10/27/2022 19:51	Dorothea Ciccarelli
6	If a board member cannot fulfill the duties that they were elected for, then they have the choice to step down.	Christina Mulé	10/27/2022 19:59	10/27/2022 20:45	Dorothea Ciccarelli
7	Will this be reviewed by the village planning board?	MEC	10/27/2022 20:19	10/27/2022 20:28	Dorothea Ciccarelli

5 Stonegate Lane - My concern is that even with temporary structures, the activities that occur in this back part of the rec center can be extremely loud with no consideration for those of us whose homes border the property. Creating a permanent structure like this invites more activity (concerts, zumba, etc.). On the flipside I am in favor of bringing the sidewalk through the park, because it increases the walkability in the village.

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Christina Mulé

10/27/2022 20:21 10/27/2022 20:28 Dorothea Ciccarelli

Am concerned that surrounding residences will be adversely affected by this permanent structure for persons to gather.

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MEC

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Do the residents know about this"

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MEC

10/27/2022 20:25 10/27/2022 20:28 Dorothea Ciccarelli

When did they receive the grant money?

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MEC

10/27/2022 20:26 10/27/2022 20:28 Dorothea Ciccarelli

Is there any way to adjust the microphone? There is significant feedback coming through.

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Christina Mulé

10/27/2022 20:27 10/27/2022 20:28 Dorothea Ciccarelli

From what I have heard tonight (and with which I agree), I wonder if the board should revisit the request for a moratorium to

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10/27/2022 21:02 10/27/2022 21:08 Dorothea Ciccarelli

allow thoughtful deliberative crafting of possible legislation.

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10/27/2022 21:03 10/27/2022 21:08 Dorothea Ciccarelli

Can someone please share why Trustee Keating is no longer present? It seems that his departure at meetings has become customary. I know that this topic was of particular interest to him in the past.

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Christina Mulé

10/27/2022 21:06 10/27/2022 21:09 Dorothea Ciccarelli

From: [REDACTED]
To: villageclerk@villageofpittsford.com
Subject: Addition to the Community Center
Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 11:32:35 AM

Since this affects surrounding homes, should this be up for discussion! (And maybe a referendum)

The noise from the activities is tolerable but it usually is centered closer to the main building. This keeps most of the noise down.

The size of this structure is a bit frightening . We prefer open space especially near the back fence. This greatly impacts residents on the street.

Village residents really would have liked some input which you still can do before a big mistake is made. We were given no information which makes this a bit shady.

Nancy Fanciullo
1 Stonegate Ln

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Dorothea Ciccarelli](#)
Subject: Board members attendance at meetings
Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 11:20:50 AM

Dorothea, please share with members of the board my opposition to allowing members of the board of trustees to attend meetings via zoom unless under extraordinary circumstances. We need to be able to see our elected representatives face-to-face during board meetings if it all possible.

Sent from June's I Phone. : -)

From: [REDACTED]
To: villageclerk@villageofpittsford.com
Subject: Construction at the Rec
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 9:10:01 AM

Hello. I live across from the rec center on Stonegate lane. There is fencing and construction about to start. Obviously I would like to know what is happening and would support the standard review process being applied. At a minimum I hope that they are not adding more lights.

Sent from my mobile phone

From: [REDACTED]
To: villageclerk@villageofpittsford.com
Subject: Trustees meeting this Thursday
Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:49:41 PM

Please read and incorporate into the meeting our comments

1. Allowing short term rentals.

When any new proposal is offered or any change to existing codes and rules is offered, we ask- how will it enhance or help our Village?

for the short term rental proposal- who benefits other than the building owners? We already see renters not taking as much care of the properties they inhabit as home owners do, in general. To have people, from all over the US and beyond come to our village for a week or a month or a few days does not in any way benefit the residents and taxpayers of the Village. Traffic and parking remain a huge issue as does litter.

2. for the topic of Bd meetings by video, we disapprove of that as well. Face to face discussions have, for the last 40 years, been essential for residents to meet their representatives and vice versa. Where is any benefit for meetings not held in person?

Thank you. Fran and Herb Kramer 17 Golf